



Baptism Information

CONGRATULATIONS on your child's upcoming Baptism!

What a joy it is to experience God's gift of new life which he allows parents to share.

We at St. Anthony Parish rejoice with you as you behold this precious gift.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our parish family. Together, we can make the celebration of your baby's baptism a warm welcome into our parish family and an experience of affirmation for you as a Catholic parent. If you are not yet registered in the parish, please do so now before you register for the Baptism. Parish registration forms are online or at the office.

PREPARATION: All sacraments require preparation. We at St. Anthony are committed to helping you prepare well to raise your child in the Catholic faith. Parents and godparents are expected to attend our Baptismal Class which is offered on the first Tuesday of most months at 7:00 PM in the church. *Please register in advance for the class* a few months before your desired Baptism date. If a person has attended the class within the past two years, it is not necessary to repeat it. If you attended the class in another parish, please include proof of participation.

GODPARENTS: A wonderful part of Baptism preparation is choosing your child's godparents. Godparents must be firm believers, able and ready to help the child on the road of Christian life. At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic who is 16 years old, Baptized, Confirmed, and receives Holy Communion regularly. In some cases, a baptized and believing non-Catholic Christian may act as a Christian witness along with the Catholic godparent. There is only one man and one woman godparent/Christian witness.

DATES: Baptisms are held most Sundays of the year.

One Sunday of the month, Baptisms take place **during the 12:00 Mass** on August 1, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2010. These few spots fill quickly.

Baptism Ceremonies held after the 12:00 Mass will be August 15, 22, September 12, 19, 26, October 10, 17 and 24, November 14, 21, 28, December 19, 2010, and begin promptly at 1:15. Please be at church 15 minutes before the ceremony.

PAPERWORK NEEDED: Before we schedule your Baptism date, you must have submitted to the parish office the completed Baptismal Registration Form with your two choices of requested Baptism dates, and the registration date for the class you will attend. Within the following two weeks, please submit the Sponsor Certificate for each Godparent from their home parish if they are not from St. Anthony. You or the sponsors can return these forms by mail, fax them to 815-806-9421, or bring them into the parish office during regular office hours.

The suggested donation for Baptism is \$75 and is given either at registration, at the class, or at the time of Baptism. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tony Schlott at the Adult Faith Formation office at 815-469-6198.

God bless you and your little one as you prepare for this new life with God through Baptism!

- For Adult Baptism through the RCIA class, contact Deacon Bill Boucek at 815-469-4088
- For Baptism of a child over age 7, contact Sophie Follenweider at sophie@stanthonyfrankfort.com